# **Organic Recycling Program**

- Recycle your food waste rather than adding it to your trash. Discard food waste and foodsoiled paper from meals, your refrigerator and pantry into a compost bucket separate from your household trash.
- All organic materials must be in a sealed Blue Bag, BPI certified compostable bags, or paper bag. No other bags will be accepted for drop off.
- Bring your bagged organics to the Coon Rapids Recycling Center during operating hours and drop in designated container.



# **Coon Rapids Recycling** 1831 111th Ave NW

Coon Rapids, MN 55433 **Center Hours** 

April-Sept: Tues & Thur 2-8pm Wed, Fri & Sat 9-3

October- March: Tues-Sat 9-3





For more information please call 763-767-4689 or visit www.coonrapidsmn.gov/recycling



### WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED WITH ORGANICS?

# YES!

- Spoiled leftovers
- Meat & meat bones
- Poultry & poultry bones
- Fish & fish bones
- Vegetable scraps
- Egg & egg shells
- Fruit scraps and pits
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Nuts
- Tea leaves /bags ( no staples)
- Butter & margarine wrappers
- Dairy products
- Paper towels & napkins
- Dryer lint/dust bunnies
- Paper egg cartons
- Cork
- Corn cobs/husks
- Gravy, sauces & soup
- Grease/lard/fat
- Hair
- Q-tips (no plastic)
- Popsicle sticks
- Pencil shavings
- Refrigerated foods
- Frozen foods
- Pizza boxes (uncoated)
- Tissues
- Certified compostable plates, cups, bowls and containers (must be certified compostable to guarantee non-plastic lining)
- Paper bags
- Flour and sugar bags
- Non-recyclable, uncoated paper products

## NO!

- Aluminum foil
- Foil lined containers or packaging
- Plastics, glass or metal
- Styrofoam
- Personal sanitary products
- Diapers or wipes
- Pet droppings or kitty litter
- Plastic of any kind (K-cups, straws, stickers on produce)
- Cigarette butts
- Rocks or bricks
- Automobile & engine fluids
- Band-aids, bandages or first aid items
- Candles or wax
- Candy or chip wrappers
- Condiment packages plastic or foil
- Crayons or chalk
- Dental floss
- Detergents, liquid, powder or tablets
- Fertilizers liquid or solid
- Garden trimmings/ yard waste
- Gum
- Juice pouches/boxes
- Latex balloons/gloves
- Paper that can be recycled
- Rubber/rubber bands
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Wood scraps
- Gift wrap/gift bags
- Wax-coated paperboard packaging & containers
- Takeout and to-go containers
- Paper plates & cups (unless BPI certified)
- Waxed & parchment paper

Be sure all material is in a sealed *Blue Bag*, BPI certified compostable bag or brown paper bag. No other bags are accepted and all material must be in a closed bagged.



Organic recycling is different from backyard composting in that it includes all food waste. Organic recycling includes meat scraps, bones, and prepared food with animal bi-products (such as oils, etc). These items can NOT be included in a backyard compost system.

Adding non-recyclable paper and other dry items will absorb wetness from food waste and help your bags last longer. Experiment to find what works best for your household.

*BPI* Compostable Bags and Kitchen Compost Buckets are available for purchase:

13 gall (qty 25/roll): \$10.00 3 gall (qty 25/roll): \$4.50 Kitchen Bucket: \$8.00